

TRUNK ROAD—GREYMOUTH TO ROSS.

4th Sub-division—Arahura to Stafford.

This road was surveyed during the months of June and July, 1871, and let by contract in 5 sections on 11th September following. The final certificate was given on 27th March last. As constructed it is 3 miles 63 chains in length, and follows an easy line of country with moderate grades throughout. The formation width is 17 feet and the metal is 12 feet wide and 12 inches thick. The total amount of work involved in the construction is shown in following table.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.				TOTAL QUANTITY.	QUANTITY COMPLETED.
Clearing heavy timber	...	...	...	206 chains	206
„ scrub	...	...	...	65	65
Earthwork	...	...	...	13,132 cubic yards	13,132
Drains	...	...	...	368 chains	368
Culverts (30 in all)	...	...	...	251 lineal feet	251
Bridges—one 45 feet lattice girder and completing; one 60 feet truss bridge, which existed over Waimea Creek, say equal to 17 lineal feet	...	...	...	62	62
Metalling	...	...	...	275 chains	275
Turnouts	...	...	...	16	16

The sum total of the contracts, with extras, came to £3,415 8s. 2d., being at the rate of £902 per mile.

The maintenance of the same distance for 12 months is now let by contract for £509, equal to £134 per mile per annum. It is in good repair throughout.

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5th Sub-division—Hokitika to Kanieri.

This road has been surveyed by the County authorities before General Government took over work. The total length is 1 mile 67 chains. It was let by contract in two sections during the month of August, 1871, and was opened for traffic on 1st December same year. Its course is generally parallel to the Hokitika river, and the ground followed is flat. The formation width is 17 feet. The width of the metal is 12 feet, and its thickness 12 inches. The quantities of earthwork, &c., &c., were, as given below:—

DESCRIPTION OF WORK.				TOTAL QUANTITY.	QUANTITY COMPLETED.
Clearing heavy timber	...	...	...	147 chains	147
Earthwork	...	...	...	3,000 cubic yards	3,000
Drains	...	...	...	206 chains	206
Culverts (10 in all)	...	...	...	101 lineal feet	101
Bridges, one 45 feet, log bridge	...	...	...	45	45
Metalling	...	...	...	147 chains	147
Turnouts	...	...	...	11	11

The total amount of the contracts and extras was £1,822 6s., equal to £999 per mile.

The maintenance has been let for 12 months in one contract, amounting to £143, or at the rate of £78 per mile per annum. It is in good repair.

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6th Sub-division—Kanieri to Ross.

This sub-division is 14 miles 55 chains in length. It commences on the south side of the Hokitika river, so the traffic will have to reach it by means of a punt, which is in the hands of a private individual. The punt is well constructed and maintained. The course of the road is generally parallel to the sea coast, and about 2 miles distant. It commences and ends at a level about 30 feet above the sea, but crosses on its route a succession of ridges, some of which reach an elevation of 300 feet. The survey of the original line was completed in September, 1871, but 3 miles at Kanieri end has since been amended so as to bring road through township of Woodstock. It was divided for contract into 14 sections, and ten of these have been let at various times since December, 1871. At Hokitika end for 7 miles 71 chains the road is specified to have 12 feet width of formation, and 8 feet width of metal 8